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Updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/778) on the updated financial position of the 18 closed missions listed in paragraph 1 thereof.

2. In its resolution 57/323 of 18 June 2003, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to return 50 per cent of the net cash available for credit to Member States as at 30 June 2002, in the amount of US$ 84,446,000, by 30 June 2003, and decided to postpone the return of the remaining 50 per cent until March 2004 in respect of the fund balances of the United Nations peacekeeping operations listed in paragraph 2 of the Secretary-General's report.

3. In its resolution 58/288 of 8 April 2004, the General Assembly subsequently decided to postpone the return of the amount of $84,446,000 until 30 June 2004.

4. The Advisory Committee notes from table 1 of the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General that the net cash available for credit to Member States as at 30 June 2003 amounted to $178,684,000, inclusive of the amount of $84,446,000 that has not yet been credited to Member States. Once this credit has been applied, the balance remaining would be $94,238,000.

5. As indicated in paragraph 6 of the report of the Secretary-General, loans totalling $152 million that were made between 30 June 2003 and 31 March 2004 in order to sustain operations have been fully repaid.

6. The Advisory Committee notes from paragraph 7 of the report of the Secretary-General that 6 of the 18 peacekeeping missions included in the report had cash deficits totalling $101 million as at 30 June 2003 due to outstanding payments of assessed contributions. The Advisory Committee was provided with information on unpaid assessments, accounts payable to Member States and other liabilities of closed missions as at 30 June 2003 (see annex I below).

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7. The cash available in the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund as at 31 March 2004 amounted to $150,300,000 inclusive of interest income of $11,046,000. Developments with regard to new missions and follow-on operations are discussed in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Secretary-General's report.

8. The Committee requested and received updated projected cash requirements for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI), the United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB) and the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) which are provided in annex II below.

9. In paragraph 12 of his report, the Secretary-General put forth a number of considerations with regard to the use of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund, its adequacy with respect to meeting foreseen requirements and the importance of assuring adequate funding for new peacekeeping operations, particularly at their beginning stages.

10. In paragraph 13 of his report, the Secretary-General proposed that, following the crediting of $84,446,000 to Member States by 30 June 2004 in accordance with Assembly resolution 58/288, the remaining cash available totalling $94,238,000 be retained until 31 October 2004 to supplement the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund in order to finance the initial requirements of the new peacekeeping operations. **In the view of the Advisory Committee, the postponement of the return of "available cash" to Member States is a policy decision to be determined by the Assembly. However, in the view of the Advisory Committee, the points raised by it in paragraph 12 of its report on the implementation of paragraph 3 of Assembly resolution 57/323: Peacekeeping Reserve Fund (A/58/732) still remain valid and the Assembly may wish to take them into account in reaching its decision.**

Annex I

Closed peacekeeping missions: status as at 30 June 2003

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Mission	*Unpaid assessments*	*Accounts payable to Member States*[a]	*Other liabilities*
Military Observer Group of MINUGUA	149	8	124
UNMIH	1 898	15 408	77
ONUCA/ONUSAL	2 716	3 797	41
ONUMOZ	18 748	2 074[b]	22
UNOSOM	61 222	19 787	2 930
UNPREDEP	2 637	12 872	3 624
UNPF	155 244	24 953[b]	6 814
UNSMIH/UNTMIH/MIPONUH	19 809	366[b]	9 844
UNTAES/Civilian Police Support Group	12 326	21 584[b]	63
UNTAC	42 768	41 794	892
UNMOT	394	2 908	172
UNAVEM/MONUA	43 418	15 082[b]	13 179
UNOMIL	1 534	4 481	2
UNOMUR/UNAMIR	15 251	8 497	3
UNMLT	12	109	2
UNIIMOG	18	13	8
MINURCA	35 937	7 750[b]	20 286
UNTAG	103	19 495	2

Acronyms: MINUGUA: United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala; UNMIH: United Nations Mission in Haiti; ONUCA/ONUSAL: United Nations Observer Group in Central America/United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador; ONUMOZ: United Nations Operation in Mozambique; UNOSOM: United Nations Operation in Somalia; UNPREDEP: United Nations Preventive Deployment Force; UNPF: United Nations Peace Forces headquarters; UNSMIH/UNTMIH/MIPONUH: United Nations Support Mission in Haiti/United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti/United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti; UNTAES: United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium; UNTAC: United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia; UNMOT: United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan; UNAVEM/MONUA: United Nations Angola Verification Mission/United Nations Observer Mission in Angola; UNOMIL: United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia; UNOMUR/UNAMIR: United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda/United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda; UNMLT: United Nations Military Liaison Team in Cambodia; UNIIMOG: United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group; MINURCA: United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic; and UNTAG: United Nations Transition Assistance Group.

[a] Inclusive of amounts owed to troop-contributing countries for contingent-owned equipment, etc., as well as credits to Member States from unencumbered balances pending instructions on their disposition.

[b] Including amounts representing claims pending settlement that have been transferred from prior period obligations to accounts payable.

Annex II

United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI)/ United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB)/ United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH): projected cash requirements for the period from inception to 31 October 2004

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Mission	*Total requirements*[a] *(gross)*	*Projected requirements from inception to 31 October 2004*[b]	
		Total	*Monthly*
UNOCI	502 354.4	162 020.9	40 505.2
ONUB	203 688.9	100 569.3	25 142.3
MINUSTAH (provisional)	265 916.1	112 149.5	28 037.4
Total	**971 959.4**	**374 739.8**	**93 684.9**

[a] Total requirements relate to the following periods: UNOCI (4 April 2004-30 June 2005), ONUB (May-December 2004) and MINUSTAH (1 May-31 December 2004). Requirements for MINUSTAH are provisional, as the interim budget is under preparation at this time.

[b] Projected cash requirements are based on the following assumptions: (i) no provision for standard troop costs, contingent-owned equipment and death and disability compensation; (ii) recurrent costs comprise requirements for the period from inception to 30 June 2004 and the prorated costs for the four-month period from 1 July to 31 October 2004; and (iii) equipment costs relate to requirements approved under the commitment authority for the period from inception to 30 June 2004 only.